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Classified By: Ambassador Ronald L. Schlicher, reasons 1.4 B/D

[1](#)1. (C) Summary: Embassy Nicosia's focus remains assisting arriving U.S. citizens and helping Embassy Beirut. Total headcount of U.S. citizens received has substantially increased to 1529 (as of 0745L).

POL/MIL

[1](#)2. (C) The following are pol/mil updates:

--DAO has assigned an officer to try to synchronize ship arrival with charter flight departures in order to avoid reaching critical saturation on the ground in Cyprus. This will allow us to avoid accommodating large numbers of people in between arrivals and departures.

CONSULAR

[1](#)3. (C) The following are consular updates:

--The following is an accounting of U.S. citizens who have arrived in Cyprus:

- 11 via helicopter July 16
- 53 via helicopter July 17
- 9 via ship July 17
- 37 via French-chartered ship July 18
- 104 via helicopter July 18
- 138 via Hoegh Norwegian ship July 19
- 4 via Greek military ship July 19
- 160 via helicopter (Beirut Air Bridge - BAB) July 19
- 3 via HMS York July 19
- 3 via Crete II July 19
- 1012 MV Orient Queen July 20
- 3 HMS Gloucester July 20

TOTAL: 1529 (as of 0745L, Nicosia control room)

--2200 people are scheduled to arrive in Cyprus from Beirut July 21; 4500 scheduled to arrive July 22.

--Approximately 750 U.S. citizens are expected to depart Cyprus via charter flights July 20.

--Three consular officers from Cyprus departed on July 20 morning BAB for Beirut. Plans are in the works to send two more officers on July 20 afternoon BAB.

--24 more TDY CONS officers are currently en route to Cyprus.

--If the USS Nashville arrives at the Limassol port, we will need to shift considerable staffing resources from Larnaca to Limassol.

--As of July 20 Cyprus CONS operations will move registration for charter flights to the Cyprus International Fairgrounds.

--MGT and military husbanding agent are working with shipping agents to move ships in and out of ports faster.

#### MANAGEMENT

14. (U) The following are management updates:

--Currently 700 U.S. citizens who arrived on the MV Orient Queen are staying at the Cyprus International Fairgrounds.

--The Cypriot Red Cross is provide 1,000 cots and CTF-59 is providing 1,000 more.

--Embassy Nicosia has called on all available USG personnel, LES, EFMs and Cypriot family members and friends to volunteer at Fairgrounds. CONS staffing at the Fairgrounds is limited, however we are shifting personnel there as of July 20 morning.

--10 U.S. marines from Akrotiri are scheduled to arrive 1215L July 20 to assist with staffing at the Fairgrounds.

--Inhalers have been provided to U.S. citizens requiring them; per DAO, a medical corpsman and possibly a military doctor will also arrive with the ten marines from Akrotiri.

--MGT and ECON are working to provide extra milk and snacks to relieve Fairgrounds restaurant.

--Fairgrounds staff are doing their very best to accommodate our needs but their capacity is strained.

#### PUBLIC AFFAIRS

15. (U) The following are public affairs updates:

--Public Affairs Section shifted four FSNs from Larnaca press room to the Fairgrounds July 20 to manage press. Press are established outside the Fairground entrance, where American arrivals who want to speak to press may readily do so.

--The Press Center in Larnaca has a new phone number: (357) 24-824-944.

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